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Subject: Re: benthic risk- next steps-
Date: 06/07/2007 11:47 AM
Attachments: [BenthicRiskDataGapsEvaluation bs.doc](#)

Eric-

Looks good to me- made minor changes (not definitively evaluating risk & there aren't any "unsure areas" anymore).
Weighting methodology from March is fine-

I can have the remaining pieces ready to go today.

ben

Blischke.Eric@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

Ben, I kept the two documents separate and did not change the March NOAA memo. I am attaching the data gaps process document. Let me know if you have any comments.

Thanks, Eric

(See attached file: BenthicRiskDataGapsEvaluation.doc)

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Eric-

I would say just use whatever pieces/language you would like and remove letterheads/logos etc is fine with us. The tech memo doc. with the letterhead describes the lines of evidence and analysis while the other document addresses the criteria/rationale.

I'll repost final maps & layers on our FTP site-

Thanks Eric-
ben

Blischke.Eric@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

Ben, please provide the final maps that incorporate the change you made based on our discussion on Monday. Right now, we have two documents that describe the process. I will edit in some fashion and send to you.
I may combine and remove the NOAA letterhead or keep the NOAA piece separate and modify the second document. Any preference?
Eric

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Re: benthic risk- next

I think the rationale & tech memo on rationale covers it pretty well. I would like to provide a final map series in addition to finalized GIS layers to facilitate collaborative review. I did review their surface & core sediment FSP- there are several coincident or proximate sample locations; plotting our proposed and their proposed together should help reinforce areas of agreement.
thanks Eric-

Ben

Blischke.Eric@epamail.epa.gov wrote:
I will be doing the write-up. My plan is to include
the rationale
and
figures that you prepared and my table. There will be
cover letter that
puts it into context but will be brief - say a
paragraph on
the benthic
evaluation process. I will be reviewing the rationale
to see if
it
needs any revisions for sending to the LWG.
Ben, is there anything that you specifically think we
need to be
saying
about this process that is not in the rationale
document?
Eric

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Joe

Subject

Re: benthic

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Heya Ben,

I believe Burt's out-of-pocket the remainder of the
week. We

should
 touch base with Eric today via a brief conference call
 if possible. My
 sense is the materials/analysis we've produced thus
 far are pretty
 close
 to if not sufficient for the preliminary direction
 Eric wants to
 provide
 to LWG next week. A believe a formal write-up will
 come later,
 prior to
 July 1.
 I'm in a meeting between 10-12. Otherwise free, except
 for phone
 calls.
 Eric -- you around?
 Benjamin Shorr wrote:
 Hey Rob-
 1. Was wondering if you have a handle on the
 next steps
 that we need
 to take to provide a final proposed benthic risk
 data gaps
 sample plan
 for bioassay & surface sediment?
 Is Burt putting together a write-up of our
 analysis and
 tables that
 recommendations based on the documents, maps and
 we've
 provided?
 Please let me know what you want for us to do---
 I am
 finalizing the
 spatial data and creating metadata so that we
 can provide
 that to LWG.
 2. It would be useful to have the spatial data
 layers for
 surface/subsurface sediment FSP- do you want me
 to request
 this
 directly from Val Oster (Anchor)?
 Thanks Rob!
 ben
 --
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